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Thomas Alva Edison was born in
Milan, Ohio.

He was forever asking questions

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Alexander Graham Bell was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. His father & grandfather were well known throughout the British Isles as teachers of public speaking.

Mrs Bell was the first teacher her children knew. She taught them to read & to write. When they became interested in science, she encouraged them to collect minerals, birds, & butterflies.

and wild flowers. From their father, they learned to speak well. They studied the mouth, the ear, and the throat. Alexander & his older brother once built a "speaking machine" that could say a few simple words. They tried to teach the family dog to talk.

Alexander also became a teacher. He began to teach speech and music in high school while he was a student himself. Later, after courses in Univ. of Edinburgh he became a full time teacher in the high school.